REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. Claims 1-14 have been allowed. By this amendment, Applicants have canceled amend claims 15-22.

II. Rejection of Claims 15-22

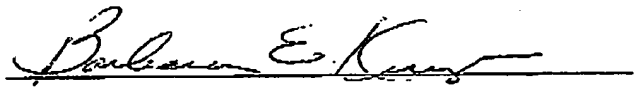
Examiner rejected Claims 15-22 under 35 USC 112 second paragraph and under 35 USC 101. Applicants have canceled Claims 15-22 rendering these rejections moot. Applicants assert that the application is now in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants request the entry of this Amendment and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Enclosed is a request for a three (3) month extension of time in the amount of $1020.00. However, if the Examiner deems that additional fees are due, please charge these fees to Deposit Account No. 18-1982 for Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc. Bridgewater, NJ. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

Respectfully submitted,



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